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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace [0010] (page 3, lines 6-10 of the original application) with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] The group X preferably has a charge of -1 and formally represents a certain fraction of Cu^{2+} , and/or Cu^{+} , and O^{2-} ions mixed with anions such as OH^{-} , F^{-} , CI^{-} , Br^{-} , Γ . Most preferably, X represents $Cu_{x}O_{y}H_{z}$, wherein $0 < x \le 0.85$, $0 \le z < 1$ and $0.5 < y \le 1$. More preferably, X represents $Cu_{x}O_{y}H_{z}$, wherein $0.1 \le x \le 0.6$, in particular, $0.2 \le x \le 0.5$.